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H. CON. RES. 339

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the Bureau of the Census on the 100th anniversary of its establishment.

Whereas this Nation's Founding Fathers mandated that a census be conducted once every 10 years, and the decennial census remains the only constitutionally mandated data collection activity today;

Whereas the Congress established a permanent "Census Office" in the Department of the Interior on March 6, 1902, and, in 1903, transferred that office to what was

then the newly established Department of Commerce and Labor (within which, with more than 700 employees, it comprised the largest of that department's new bureaus);

Whereas Federal, State, and local governments use data collected by the Bureau of the Census in the distribution of funds and in the formulation of public policy in such areas as education, health and veterans' services, nutrition, crime prevention, and economic development, among others;

Whereas the Bureau of the Census supplies statistical data to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and other Government agencies charged with measuring and reporting on the health of the Nation's economy;

Whereas the Bureau of the Census is the Nation's largest data collection agency, collecting data used by other Government agencies, tribal governments, institutions, universities, and nonprofit organizations, and supplying information on poverty, unemployment, crime, education, marriage and family, and transportation;

Whereas, throughout its first 100 years, the Bureau of the Census has earned a reputation for scrupulously safeguarding the confidentiality of respondents' answers, a responsibility vital to maintaining the public's trust;

Whereas the Bureau of the Census, with the cooperation of other Government agencies, the Congress, State and local governments, and community organizations, and with significant technological innovation and public outreach, has just conducted this Nation's 22d decennial census in a

timely and professional fashion, employing over 500,000 dedicated Americans in the process; and

Whereas March 6, 2002, marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Bureau of the Census: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress hereby—

3 (1) recognizes the 100th anniversary of the es-
4 tablishment of the Bureau of the Census; and

5 (2) acknowledges the achievements and con-
6 tributions of the Bureau of the Census, and of its
7 current and former employees, to the United States.

Passed the House of Representatives March 12, 2002.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.